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SUBJECT:EXCHANGES OF LITERARY SCHOLARS WITH GORKY

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY THAT PROPOSED EXCANGE OF LITERARY SCHOLARS WITH THE GORKY INSTITUTE WOULD BE USEFUL AND SHOULD BE PURSUED.

2. CU/EE IS PREPARING PROPOSAL FOR EMBASSY PRESENTATION TO APPROPRIATE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO BROADEN FULBRIGHT LECTURER EXCHANGE TO INCLUDE INSTITUTES OF HIGHER LEARNING AFFILIATED WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. THIS PROPOSAL, WHEN IMPLEMENTED, COULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR EXCHANGE OF LECTURERS/RESEARCH SCHOLARS BETWEEN GORKY INSTITUTE AND US UNIVERSITIES.

3. HOWEVER, RATHER THAN WAIT FOR THIS PROPOSAL TO WORK ITS WAY THROUGH THE SOVIET BUREAUCRACY, WE PROPOSE TO NOMINATE A US LITERARY SCHOLAR UNDER THE AMERICAN SPECIALIST PRO-

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GRAM FOR A TWO TO THREE WEEK VISIT TO THE GORKY INSTITUTE,

SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY. WE WILL SEEK TO RECRUIT A RECOGNIZED

SCHOLAR ON THE LEVEL OF THOSE SUGGESTED BY THE SOVIETS
(PLEASE NOTE THAT MALCOLM COWLEY IS AGE 77) AND WILL
CONSULT WITH EMBASSY BEFORE MAKING NOMINATION. NEXT

STEP COULD BE INVITATION TO GORKY INSTITUTE SCHOLAR TO
VISIT US WHICH COULD BE ARRANGED UNDER IV PROGRAM. HOPE-
FULLY THESE INITIAL CONTACTS COULD LEAD TO FORMAL EXCHANGE
OF LECTURERS/RESEARCHERS. KISSINGER

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